## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-32 (Canceled).

33. (Currently amended) The compound of formula II,

$$(R^8)_p - Ar^1 - N + N + N + (R^9)_q$$
 II,

wherein

Y is O,

Ar<sup>1</sup>[[,]] is selected from the group consisting of aromatic hydrocarbons containing 6 to 14 carbon atoms and ethylenical unsaturated or aromatic heterocyclic residues containing 3 to 10 carbon atoms and one or two heteroatoms, the heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of N, O and S,

Ar<sup>2</sup> is pyridinyl bonded to X in the 3- or 4- position relative to the pyridinyl N, and  $Ar^2 - (R^{10})_r$  is selected from the group consisting of:

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 $R^{8}$ ,  $R^{9}$ ,  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  and  $R^{40}$ 

are independently

selected from the group consisting of H, A, cycloalkyl comprising 3 to 7 carbon atoms, Hal, CH<sub>2</sub>Hal, CH(Hal)<sub>2</sub>, C(Hal)<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CN, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OR<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>QC(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>k</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>COOR<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CONR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>COR<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>CONR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>A, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>S(O)<sub>u</sub>R<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OC(O)R<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>COR<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SR<sup>11</sup>, CH=N-OA, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=N-OA, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NHOA, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH=N-R<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OC(O)NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>COOR<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(R<sup>11</sup>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(R<sup>11</sup>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(R<sup>11</sup>)C(R<sup>13</sup>)HCOOR<sup>12</sup>, (CR<sup>13</sup>)HCOR<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(R<sup>11</sup>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>12</sup>)CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(R<sup>11</sup>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, CH=CHCOR<sup>11</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(COOR<sup>11</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>13</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(COOR<sup>11</sup>)COOR<sup>12</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(CONH<sub>2</sub>)COOR<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(CONH<sub>2</sub>)CONH<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>COOR<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CHR<sup>13</sup>COOR<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub>)COOR<sup>11</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NCO, wherein

 $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, A,  $(CH_2)_mAr^3$  and  $(CH_2)_mHet$ , or in  $NR^{11}R^{12}$ ,  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  form, together with the N-Atom they are bound to, a 5-, 6- or 7-membered heterocycles which optionally contains 1 or 2 additional heteroatoms, selected from the group consisting of N, O and S,

 $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, Hal, A,  $(CH_2)_mAr^4$  and  $(CH_2)_mHet$ ,

A is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, alkylenecycloalkyl, alkoxy and alkoxyalkyl,

Ar<sup>3</sup>, Ar<sup>4</sup> are independently aromatic hydrocarbon residues comprising 5 to 12 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more substituents, selected from the group consisting of A, Hal, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, OR<sup>15</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, COOR<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>16</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>16</sup>, NR<sup>16</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>A, COR<sup>15</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, S(O)<sub>u</sub>A and OOCR<sup>15</sup>,

Het is a saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heterocyclic residue which is optionally substituted by one or more substituents, selected from the group consisting of A, Hal, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, OR<sup>15</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, COOR<sup>15</sup>, CONR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>16</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>15</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>15</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, S(O)<sub>u</sub>A and OOCR<sup>15</sup>,

 $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, A, and  $(CH_2)_m Ar^5$ , wherein

Ar<sup>5</sup> is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic hydrocarbon optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, 2-propyl, tert.-butyl, Hal, CN, OH, NH<sub>2</sub> and CF<sub>3</sub>,

k, m and n are independently of one another 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5;

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and CH<sub>2</sub>,

p[[, r]] are independently from one another is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5,

q is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

u is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

and

Hal is independently selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br

and I;

and, salts and solvates of the compound.

Claims 34-37. (Canceled).

38. (Currently amended) A composition, comprising an effective amount of the compound of claim 33 or salts thereof in a pharmaceutical composition.

Claims 39-42. (Canceled).

43. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, further comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of physiologically acceptable excipients, auxiliaries, adjuvants, carriers and pharmaceutical active ingredients other than the compounds according to claim 38.